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FROM USDEL 161

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: PREAMBLE

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1. IN PLENARY SESSION MORNING JULY 28, ROMUALDEZ STATED THAT PHILIPPINES WISHED TO MAKE DRASTIC CHANGES IN TEXT OF PREAMBLE WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED AD REFERENDUM BETWEEN THE TWO CHAIRMEN AND WHICH U.S. HAD ACCEPTED, SUBJECT ONLY TO THE RESERVATIONS CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. THERE THEN ENSURED A LENGTHY DISCUSSION IN WHICH PELAEZ PLAYED A DOMINANT ROLE. THE NET RESULT WAS THAT PHILIPPINES RENEGED ENTIRELY ON ITS PREVIOUS AD REFERENDUM
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AGREEMENT AND ASKED THAT PREAMBLE TEXT BE RETURNED TO

CHAIRMEN'S WORKING GROUP FOR FURTHER STUDY.

3. THIS RATHER REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE, IN WHICH PELAEZ IN EFFECT REPUDIATED HIS CHAIRMAN'S HANDIWORK, WOULD SEEM TO CONSTITUTE A CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF FACE FOR ROMUALDEZ. HE, NEVERTHELESS, PROCEEDED UNFAZED INTO AFTERNOON SESSION OF CHAIRMEN'S WORKING GROUP AND, IN THAT SESSION, REGISTERED AGREEMENT, AGAIN AD REFERENDUM, ON FOLLOWING NEW TEXT OF PREAMBLE.

QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA,

REITERATING THEIR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THEIR STEADFAST DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH ALL NATIONS,

SHARING A DEEP AND ABIDING CONCERN FOR THE SECURITY AND WELL BEING OF BOTH NATIONS,

RECOGNIZING THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL COMMUNITY OF NATIONS ENTAILS BOTH ECONOMIC AND SECURITY UNDERTAKINGS,

WISHING TO ESTABLISH SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON FULL RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, DIGNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF BOTH NATIONS,

CONSIDERING THAT THE (U.S.: MUTUAL DEFENSE) TREATY OF AUGUST 30, 1951 ENHANCES THE DEFENSE OF BOTH NATIONS, STRENGTHENS THE SECURITY OF THE PACIFIC REGION, AND CONTRIBUTUES TO THE MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE,

AGREEMEING THAT THE USE BY THE UNITED STATES OF (U.S.: FACILITIES) (R.P.: FACILITIES) WITHIN CERTAIN PHILIPPINE MILITARY BASES REMAINS IMPORTANT TO THE MAINTENANCE OF AN EFFECTIVE UNITED STATES PRESENCE IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC IN SUPPORT OF THESE MUTUAL OBJECTIVES,

EMPHASIZING THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES AND IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY OTHER NATION, BUT IS INTENDED TO PRESERVE THE INDEPENDENCE AND PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THEIR TWO PEOPLES,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS: UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: IT WILL BE PERCEIVED THAT MUCH OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THIS NEW DRAFT COMES FROM FORD-MARCOS COMMUNIQUE. THE REFERENCE TO THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY IS CONSIDERABLY LESS RINGING THAN THE "STANDING FIRM" CLAUSE IN THE EARLIER DRAFT, BUT HAS SIGNIFICANT VALUE IN ITS OWN RIGHT, PARTICULARLY WHEN PARSED AGAINST THE CLAUSE "AGREEING" THAT THE USE OF PHILIPPINE BASES IS IN SUPPORT OF SUCH OBJECTIVES AS THE MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE. MOREOVER, ROMUALDEZ SAYS HE "PERSONALLY"

IS PREPARED TO DROP BRACKETS AROUND "MUTUAL DEFENSE" IN
DESCRIBING TREATY OF AUGUST 30, 1951. GIVEN PATTERN OF
PELAEZ PETTIFOGGING, WE CAN, HOWEVER, EXPECT THAT THERE
WILL BE FUTHTER CAVILS AT THIS TEXT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED REQUEST RAPID WASHINGTON
AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THIS NEW PREAMBLE, (WHICH IS
ACTUALLY BETTER THAN OUR APRIL DRAFT) SO THAT WE MAY
PRESS PHILS TO GET THIS ITEM OFF THE BOOKS.
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